

COMMUNIQUE

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CACTUS & SUCCULENT SOCIETY

An Affiliate of the Cactus & Succulent Society of America, Inc.
Meetings are held at **7:30 PM** on the 2nd Thursday of the month
in the Lecture Hall, Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia
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Monthly Meeting: August 11th. This month's presentation "Flora and Fauna of Costa Rica - People, Plants and Places" will be given by **Hank Warzybok**. Past president of the Long Beach Club, Hank has visited Costa Rica many times, most recently last April. One of his favorite side trips involves a volcano, about which we will hear!

Plants of the Month: (no write ups this month)

CACTI – Your Favorite SUCCULENT – Your Favorite

Bring in your favorite plants! Here is your chance to show off whatever plants you're most proud of. The judges will of course be somewhat confused, but they will work it out. As a consequence of this choice of subject, the usual write-ups on POM will not appear this month. Their author chose not to burden us with tales of HIS favorite plants!

Study Group: Meetings are held at 7:30 pm. in the Grapevine room, San Gabriel Adult Center, 324 South Mission Drive. These exciting events feature expert group leaders and mentors, free giveaways (some of the best plants you'll ever get!), and lively discussion. Everybody learns something! Join us on Wednesday, August 17th. This month's subject: *Erioseye*, a genus that has recently subsumed several others - *Neochilenia*, *Neoporteria*, *Pyrrhocactus*, *Horridocactus* and more - at least according to the taxonomists commonly referred to as 'clumpers.'

Club Picnic: A wonderful time was had by all. The club provided the hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks, and a wide selection of tasty sides, deserts and snacks were brought in by members. After the eats were the much heralded games, all hotly contested, and a spirited auction. Highlights can be seen in the snapshots shown below. Beautiful near-show-quality plants were awarded to the following game winners, placers and showers:

Opuntia Toss

- 1 Tom Vermilion
- 2 Manny Rivera
- 3 Dennis Bauers

Balloon Toss

- 1 Amber Jones & Dennis Bauers
- 2 Jamie & Gary Mancuso
- 3 Patty & Rene Caro

Egg Toss

- 1t Amber Jones & Dennis Bauers
- 1t Jamie & Gary Mancuso
- 1t Eric MacKenzie & Joel Carranza

Thanks again to **Pat & Jean Mullens** for allowing us to use their home and yard.

Personnel Notices: We are all saddened by the loss of an important member of the cactus and succulent community, **Dick Hulett**. Following first Parkinson's and then cancer, Dick passed away July 19th. He and his wife Lupe operated '**Dick and Lupe's Pet Plants**' for many years, and won many awards with their wonderful plants. Indeed, many of our own prize plants came to us via Dick. He was active in the South Coast C&SS, and was chairman of their annual Show and Sale. Early on, he was a competitive tri-athlete. A well-attended memorial service was held July 26th. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lupe and to Dick's family. On a happier note, the SGVCSS wishes to extend a warm welcome to its newest members, **Leslie Martel**, **Mike Polka** and **Carlos Ruiz**. Carefully review the **COMMUNIQUE** and the **Roster** in order to learn about all the many benefits of membership in our club!

Refreshments: Thanks to everyone who brought refreshments to the July meeting! As no one has signed up to bring in provisions for this month's meeting, everyone is encouraged to do so. There are openings on the sign-up sheet throughout the coming year. Please, pick a month and bring us your favorite treat. The sheet will be at the refreshment table.

10 years ago: Bob Kent presented on Haworthias. New members included Manuel Rivera and Carmen Ponce.

20 years ago: John Trager presented a program on "Life without Water", showing the adaptation of xerophytes.

30 years ago: The meeting starred Virginia Martin, talking about the Plants, Trees and other sights of Hawaii. All members were encouraged to come in Hawaiian dress.

(Thanks go to Tom Glavich for providing this interesting feature)

Calendar of Events - 2005

Aug 20th-21th 20th Annual Intercity Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA (626-798-2430, 818-998-9306, 310-538-4078, or 562-920-3046).

Sep 3rd 22nd Huntington Botanical Gardens Succulent Symposium, Huntington Botanical Gardens, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA.

Sep 25th Long Beach C&SS Annual Auction, Dominguez Adobe, 18127 So. Alameda St, Compton (Dominguez Hills) CA.

Oct 15th-16th SGVC&SS Winter Show and Sale, LA County Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA.

Plant-of-the-Month Mini Show Results for June

Cacti – Columnar Cacti Succulent – Stem Succulent Euphorbia

Beginner

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| 1 st | Michael Romero | <i>Stenocereus sp.</i> | 1 st | Birgh & Dodson | <i>E. platyclada</i> |
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| | | | 2 nd | Michael Romero | <i>E. vigueri</i> |
| | | | 3 rd | Birgh & Dodson | <i>E. obesa</i> |
| Intermediate | | | | | |
| 1 st | Phil Skonieczki | <i>Espostoa lanata</i> | 1 st | Doug George | <i>E. millotti</i> |
| 2 nd | | | 2 nd | Barbara Nolan | <i>E. polygona</i> "Snowflake" |
| 3 rd | Ron Young | <i>Haagerocereus multicolorspinus</i> | 2 nd | Alan Hooker | <i>E. nivulia</i> |
| | | | 3 rd | Dick Tatman | <i>E. capsaintmariensis</i> |
| Advanced | | | | | |
| 1 st | Carol Maker | <i>Espostoa lanata</i> | 1 st | Rita Gerlach | <i>E. "White Ghost"</i> |
| 2 nd | Rita Gerlach | <i>Espostoa melanostele</i> | 2 nd | Rita Gerlach | <i>E. horrida</i> |
| 2 nd | Carol Maker | <i>Lophocereus schottii</i> | 3 rd | Tom Vermilion | <i>E. horrida</i> |
| 3 rd | Rita Gerlach | <i>Pilocereus species</i> | | | |
| Master | | | | | |
| | | | 1 st | Vince Basta | <i>E. gymnocalycioides</i> |
| | | | 2 nd | Jim Hanna | <i>E. gottliebii</i> |
| | | | 2 nd | Jim Hanna | <i>E. rossii</i> |
| | | | 2 nd | Jim Hanna | <i>E. boissieri</i> |
| | | | 3 rd | Vince Basta | <i>E. lignoss</i> |

The 20th Annual Intercity Show and Sale, August 2005

On August 20th and 21st, three local cactus and succulent clubs (Los Angeles, Long Beach and San Gabriel Valley) will present the world's largest cactus and succulent show and sale at the Los Angeles Arboretum. It's time to think about what plants you may want to groom and stage to get ready to take to the show. Everyone is eligible to show plants and the "judged" competition gives us all a chance to learn more about our plants and to see rare and unusual plants from all over the world.

Call Gene Oster at 818/998-9306 if you want to volunteer to help with set-up on Wednesday, August 17th; or volunteer to help the judges and be a clerk on Friday, August 19th. The volunteers get to go to the sales area early Friday afternoon before the sales are open to the general public. It is a real treat to get first pick of the best plants.

Or you may want to just see the show on Saturday, or Sunday and buy plants, pottery, or plant books; or take pictures of the beautiful plants on display. This wonderful event is the main way that our clubs make money for the year. For the past many years each of the three participating club has received between \$1,200 and \$2,200 each year as a result of income from vendor sales. This money is used to keep our clubs going, for facilities rent, for outings, to help finance newsletters, and club expenses in general.

There are free "Walks and Talks" both Saturday and Sunday as listed on a separate page in this newsletter. The "Basic Cultivation" presentation is given both days since it is the most popular talk. And, for the first time, a team of master photographers will give a demonstration and exhibit of how to take beautiful pictures of plants. Bring your camera and join Rene and Patty Caro at 11:00 AM Sunday for the "Intercity Photo Shoot."

Intercity Saturday Night Banquet and Auction - August 20th

The Saturday night Banquet and Auction has been a show tradition from the start. It's a great time to argue the fine points of showing and judging, and meet many people from the other clubs. A feature of each of

the Banquets has been an auction of spectacular plants (and most surprisingly affordable) from some of the best growers and showers. These are often the ones that appear on the trophy table in years to come.

Same great location as last year: **Coco's Restaurant Oak Tree Room** 1150 Colorado Blvd. Arcadia, at the SE corner at Michellinda. Social hour starts at 5:30 and dinner served at 6:30. The cost of the meal is \$27.00 for Adults and \$12.00 for children from 5 to 10 years, including tax and tip. The dinner will be Prime Rib, Fresh Salmon Filet or Honey Chicken Dijon with vegetables, rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, and assorted desserts coffee, tea, milk or soft drinks. Please contact our Show treasurer, Sandra Fletcher for further information 310-538-4078. Make checks payable to ICCSS c/o Sandra Fletcher P.O. Box 3366 Gardena, CA 90246-7066. All club members and guests are welcome.

Gene Oster, Intercity Chairperson for LACSS

Intercity Show Walks and Talks -- Free to All Visitors

Saturday, August 20th

- 11:00 AM "The Care and Cultivation of Cycads" Learn about some of the worlds oldest plant types.
Presented by Karen and Paul Sternberg.
- 12:00 PM "Trophy Table Tour" Two judges explain why these plants won a trophy.
- 1:00 PM "Basic Cultivation" Learn to keep the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks; don't miss this one!
Presented by Bill Hagblom.
- 2:00 PM "Choosing Pottery to Compliment Plants" A talk and tour explaining what works and what doesn't.
Presented by a master potter, Joe Wujcik.
- 3:00 PM "Growing a Ficus on a Rock" A demonstration easy to follow; so you can do it at home.
Presented by Gene Joseph

Sunday, August 21st

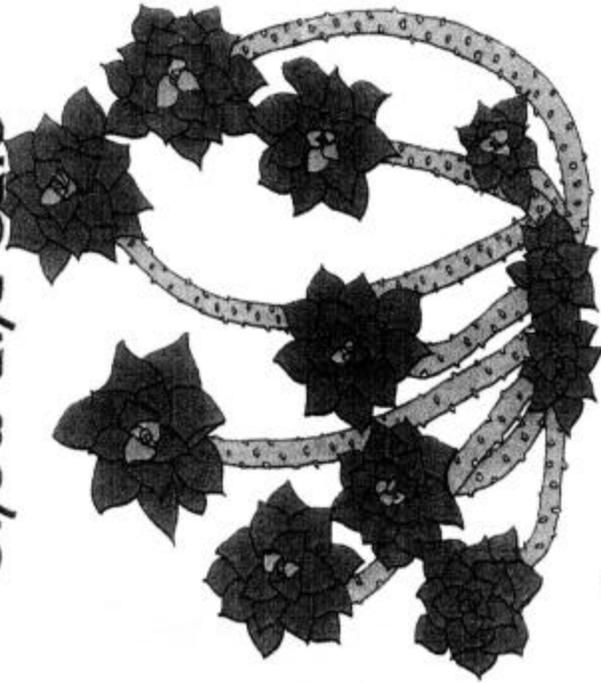
- 11:00 AM "Taking Beautiful Pictures of Your Plants" Exhibits galore! Bring your camera - Intercity Photo Shoot
Presented by Renee and Patty Caro
- 12:00 PM "The Care and Cultivation of Caudiciforms" Exhibits and a talk from one of our world travelers
Presented by Petra Crist
- 1:00 PM "Basic Cultivation" Learn to keep the plants you just bought alive and well. One of our most popular talks; don't miss this one!
Presented by Bill Hagblom.
- 2:00 PM "Plant Propagation Techniques" Learn some secrets from a master propagator
Presented by Joe Stead

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If you have a cactus or succulent related event that you'd like to have announced in the **COMMUNIQUE**, please forward the information to the address given below. Please verify event dates - sometimes events are rescheduled or canceled without adequate advance notice. Articles, Notices and Corrections can be sent via e-mail to: sgvcss@adelphia.net or via post to: San Gabriel Valley Cactus and Succulent Society Newsletter Editor, c/o Paul Maker, 1245 San Pablo Drive, San Marcos, CA 92078-4816. Material must be received by the last Thursday of the month to be considered for publication in the next issue of the **COMMUNIQUE**. Material in the **SGVCSS COMMUNIQUE** may be reprinted by nonprofit organizations (unless such permission is expressly denied in a note accompanying the material) provided proper credit is given to the SGVCSS and the author and that one copy of the publication containing the reprinted material be sent to the editor. Reproduction in whole or part by any other organization or publication without the permission of the publisher is prohibited.



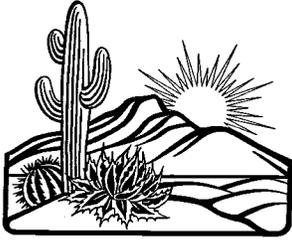
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SUN. 10:00-4:30

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SUN. 10:00-4:30